REMARKS

Claims 1-9 are pending in this application. In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected the pending Claims 1-9 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,877,746 (Parks) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,479,476 (Finke-Anlauff).

Regarding the Examiner's rejection of independent Claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a), Claim 1 has been amended to further clarify and distinguish the claim.

Parks teaches a user interface system for a computer system that comprises a grid of possible user functions. Moreover, Parks discloses a user selecting one of the options displayed, and displaying the corresponding suboption that enables the user to set features of the telephone as the user desires.

Finke-Anlauff discloses a mobile telephone having a plurality of operating characteristics and means for adjusting said operating characteristics.

In contrast, amended Claim 1 includes the recitations of receiving at least one or more user-customized menu indexes for creating a user-customized menu including frequently used menus by a user in the user-customized menu creating mode; after receiving the user-customized menu indexes, receiving a main menu index or a sub-menu index corresponding to the received user-customized menu indexes; and after receiving

the main menu index or the submenu index, storing the main menu index or the submenu index in association with each of the user-customized menu indexes, which is neither taught nor suggested by Parks or Finke-Anlauff or the combination thereof. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) of Claim 1 be withdrawn.

Regarding the Examiner's rejection of independent Claim 8 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a), the Examiner states that Parks teaches creating a menu table by designating menu indexes corresponding to service menus for a user as recited in Claim 8. It is respectfully submitted that the Examiner is incorrect.

Parks teaches using a navigation button to customize phone features and displaying a PHONE SETUP menu 88 (see FIG. 8). In other words, Parks teaches customizing the phones features (e.g., the number of rings before a voice mail logic answers the phone, changing a dial type such as pulse or tone dial type, etc.) using a series of menus. Elements in these menus are only entered or modified. For example, the number of rings before answer 89 can be modified in menu 88 of FIG. 8 to reflect a number of rings before answer as desired by a user.

In contrast, Claim 8 includes the recitation of creating a menu table by designating menu indexes corresponding to service menus for a user, which is neither taught nor suggested by Parks or Finke-Anlauff or the combination thereof.

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Moreover, as Parks only teaches customizing a menu as opposed to creating a menu, Parks does not teach or suggest the recitation of receiving of "a user-customized menu creating request from the user to create a user-customized menu", as recited in Claim 8.

Furthermore, regarding the Examiner's assertion that the suboptions as taught by Park can be equated with the index as recited in Claim 8, Parks teaches that each of the columns within each row corresponds to an option for the corresponding major feature, and each subrow within a column corresponds to a suboption and that after an option is selected an optional suboption 77 can be selected. This is more clearly illustrated with reference to FIG. 6 which shows a "Delete In Mail" suboption 77 (Column 13, Line 53).

In contrast, Claim 8 includes the recitations of upon receipt of an index to be designated for the user-customized menu in the user-customized menu creating mode, receiving a service menu selected by inputting a main menu index or a sub-menu index and mapping the received index to the service menu; and storing the mapped service menu in the menu table in association with the index received for the user-customized menu, which is neither taught nor suggested by Parks or Finke-Anlauff or the combination thereof. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) of Claim 8 be withdrawn.

Regarding the Examiner's rejection of independent Claim 5, the Examiner states that the combination of Parks or Finke-Anlauff discloses each and every element of the claim and equates the index as recited in Claim 5 with the suboptions (e.g., see FIGs. 6 and 8) as taught Parks. It is respectfully submitted that the Examiner is incorrect.

As stated above, Parks teaches customizing the phones features and teaches a suboption e.g., a "Delete In Mail" suboption 77 (Column 13, Line 53, and FIG. 6), which can be set by a user to desired number of days or a first name. FIG. 6 is similar to FIG. 8 with a difference being the display of a screen corresponding to a mail setup tab 70 as opposed to a phone setup tab 87 as shown in FIG. 6.
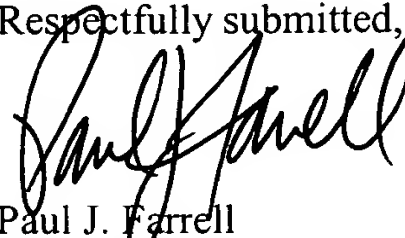
In contrast, Claim 5 includes the recitations of displaying a user-customized menu index input request message for requesting a user to input a user-customized menu index of a desired user-customized menu; and after displaying the user-customized menu index input request message, receiving a user-customized menu index from the user, which is neither taught nor suggested by Parks or Finke-Anlauff or the combination thereof. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) of Claim 5 be withdrawn.

In light of the discussion above, it is respectfully submitted that independent Claims 1, 5 and 8 overcome the stated rejections. Without conceding the patentability per se of dependent Claims 2-4, 6-7 and 9, it is respectfully submitted that these claims also

overcome the rejections by virtue of their dependence upon independent Claims 1, 5 and 8, respectively. Accordingly, Claims 1-9 are believed to be in condition for allowance.

Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference or personal interview would facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the Examiner may contact Applicants' attorney at the number given below.

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